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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 10th April 2012,
Parkway Methodist Church

Present: Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Mary Montgomery, Suzanna van Moyland.
Apologies: Ivy Bolt, Iris Bolster, Liz Osborn, Jerome Edwards, Anne Devereaux, John Stone, Greg Eynon, Carolyn Picton, Sally Seddon.

Mina Road Park

The bark of the young willow tree has been severely vandalised by dog damage done with owner encouragement. On 29th March evening, Suzanna saw it and Hugh emailed photos to Russell Horsey (Senior Arboricultural Officer at BCC), asking if a guard could be put up to prevent further damage. Russell Horsey assessed it as dog damage. He asked Blue Skies to put a protective fence around it, which they did the very next day. Suzanna put up notices informing of the damage, the reason for it and asking people to report to the police if they see this happening. Our local policeman also called Hugh. Richard Ennion, Parks Horticultural Manager, thinks the willow will recover, but growth will be slowed (it had been flourishing). MRPG would like to thank Russell Horsey and Blue Skies team for an extraordinarily quick response — reported at 8:17pm, Russell replied 8:20pm and the guard was erected by midday the following day.

Work is being done on the boundary area with Sevier Street.

The grass hasn't been cut, but Pete Clarke says it will be done tomorrow.

There's no news about the replacement Wildlife Noticeboard.

In the aftermath of the sewage pollution incident affecting the stream, Matthew Sands, Environment Adviser at BCC, emailed Hugh with the results of the second sample. Taken on 14th March, it shows that bacterial levels are back to normal in the brook. Matt Sands also said in his email that additional invertebrate sampling will take place in the summer to assess how well the brook is recovering from the incident. MRPG noted Matt Sands' quick and thorough response.

St Werburghs Park

Roland noted that the gate hasn't been fixed yet.

Ashley Street Park

There is still no progress regarding the free picnic bench initially offered by Jane's Pond Ltd on 4th November. The matter has been passed to five different Parks officers and Hugh has been phoning to try and keep track of the issue. Given how long it's been going on for, MRPG is too embarrassed to call the suppliers. Hugh spoke to Pete Clarke who helpfully said he would resolve the issue and call the supplier.

Thanks to Tree Bristol, which has replaced the cherry tree (the one originally planted last Spring had bacterial cancer).

Other Green Spaces

The verges have been cut badly again, for example the verge on Mina Road, and it's only the second time it's been done.

- Hugh discussed this with Pete Clarke and will send photos.

Hugh and Scrapstore have been liaising about the planting of the cedar in the car park. Tree Bristol has already run the services checks.

- Hugh will let MRPG know when he needs assistance with the planting.

Any Other Business

Hugh told Pete Clarke what a great job Sally our Park Keeper is doing, emptying the bins regularly and weeding.

Next Meeting Tuesday 8th May 2012, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church. All welcome.